

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims. This listing replaces all earlier versions and listings of the claims.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of processing input data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, the method comprising processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence, each subset comprising a plurality of images, by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting selected 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the selected 3D feature points to determine changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error,

wherein the respective subsets of images are selected sequentially from the sequence so that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A method ~~according to claim 1, of processing~~ input data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, the method comprising processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting selected 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the selected 3D feature points to determine changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error, wherein the changed positions for the 3D feature points and the changed camera positions are calculated by reducing the calculated error by performing processing in accordance with a ~~minimisation~~ minimization procedure to change iteratively the

positions of at least some of the selected 3D feature points and the camera projections of the images in the subset and to calculate an updated error by projecting the 3D feature points from their changed positions into the images in the subset using the changed camera projections of the images in the subset, and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images,

wherein the respective subsets of images are selected sequentially from the sequence so that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A method according to claim 2, wherein the calculated error is reduced by performing processing in accordance with a non-linear least squares ~~minimisation~~ minimization procedure.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A method according to claim 3, wherein the calculated error is reduced by performing processing in accordance with a Levenberg-Marquardt ~~minimisation~~ minimization procedure.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method ~~according to claim 1, of~~ processing input data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, the method comprising processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting selected 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the selected 3D feature points to determine changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error, wherein the changed positions for the 3D feature points and the changed camera projections are calculated by decomposing a matrix representing the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the 3D feature points to be changed into the product of a first matrix representing the changed camera projections of the images in the subset and a second matrix representing the changed positions of the 3D feature points,

wherein the respective subsets of images are selected sequentially from the sequence so that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once.

Claim 6 (original): A method according to claim 1, wherein the selected 3D feature points used to calculate an error comprise every 3D feature point which corresponds to a feature having a measured position in at least one of the images in the subset being processed.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method ~~according to claim 1~~, of processing input data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, the method comprising processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting selected 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the selected 3D feature points to determine changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error, wherein the 3D feature points for which changed positions are calculated comprise every 3D feature point which has a measured position in at least one of the images in the subset being processed but no measured position in any of the other images in the sequence,

wherein the respective subsets of images are selected sequentially from the sequence so that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once.

Claim 8 (original): A method according to claim 1, wherein each respective subset contains the same number of images.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method ~~according to claim 1, of~~
processing input data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, the method comprising processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting selected 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the selected 3D feature points to determine changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error,

wherein the respective subsets of images are selected sequentially from the sequence so that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once

and wherein the number of images in a subset is set in dependence upon the number of features in the images having a position defined in the data to be processed.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method ~~according to claim 1, of~~
processing input data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, the method comprising processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting selected 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the selected 3D feature points to determine changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error.

wherein the respective subsets of images are selected ~~sequentially~~
from the sequence with an overlap and such that each image in the sequence is processed in
a subset at least once.

Claim 11 (original): A method according to claim 1, further comprising the
step of generating a signal conveying the further estimates of the camera projections.

Claim 12 (original): A method according to claim 11, further comprising
the step of recording the signal either directly or indirectly.

Claim 13 (original): A method according to claim 1, further comprising the
step of processing image data defining the images in the sequence to generate the input
data.

Claim 14 (original): A method according to claim 1, further comprising the
step of using the further estimates of the camera projections to generate data defining a 3D
computer model of the scene in the images.

Claim 15 (original): A method according to claim 14, further comprising
the step of generating a signal conveying the 3D computer model.

Claim 16 (original): A method according to claim 15, further comprising
the step of recording the signal either directly or indirectly.

Claim 17 (currently amended): An apparatus for processing input data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, comprising a processor for processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence, each subset comprising a plurality of images, by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting selected 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the selected 3D feature points to determine changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error,

wherein the processor is arranged to process respective subsets of images from the sequence sequentially such that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once.

Claim 18 (currently amended): An apparatus ~~according to claim 17, for~~
processing input data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at
least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective
camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the
image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions
of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data
defining further estimates of the camera projections, comprising a processor for processing
respective subsets of the images in the sequence by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the
subset by projecting selected 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the
camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the
positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the
images; and

calculating changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D
feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset by using the
positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the selected 3D
feature points to determine changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature
points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset which reduce the
calculated error, wherein the processor is arranged to calculate the changed positions for
the 3D feature points and the changed camera positions by reducing the calculated error by
performing processing in accordance with a minimisation procedure to change iteratively
the positions of at least some of the selected 3D feature points and the camera projections
of the images in the subset and to calculate an updated error by projecting the 3D feature
points from their changed positions into the images in the subset using the changed camera

projections of the images in the subset, and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images,

wherein the processor is arranged to process respective subsets of images from the sequence sequentially such that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once.

Claim 19 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the processor is arranged to reduce the calculated error by performing processing in accordance with a non-linear least squares minimisation procedure.

Claim 20 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the processor is arranged to reduce the calculated error by performing processing in accordance with a Levenberg-Marquardt minimisation procedure.

Claim 21 (currently amended): An apparatus ~~according to claim 17, for~~ processing input data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, comprising a processor for processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting selected 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the

camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the selected 3D feature points to determine changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error, wherein the processor is arranged to calculate the changed positions for the 3D feature points and the changed camera projections by decomposing a matrix representing the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the 3D feature points to be changed into the product of a first matrix representing the changed camera projections of the images in the subset and a second matrix representing the changed positions of the 3D feature points,

wherein the processor is arranged to process respective subsets of images from the sequence sequentially such that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once.

Claim 22 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the processor is arranged to perform processing so that the selected 3D feature points used to calculate an error comprise every 3D feature point which corresponds to a feature having a measured position in at least one of the images in the subset being processed.

Claim 23 (currently amended): An apparatus ~~according to claim 17~~, for processing input data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, comprising a processor for processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting selected 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the selected 3D feature points to determine changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error, wherein the processor is arranged to perform processing so that the 3D feature points for which changed positions are calculated comprise every 3D feature point which has a measured position in at least one of the images in the subset being processed but no measured position in any of the other images in the sequence,

wherein the processor is arranged to process respective subsets of images from the sequence sequentially such that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once.

Claim 24 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the processor is arranged to perform processing so that each respective subset contains the same number of images.

Claim 25 (currently amended): An apparatus ~~according to claim 17~~, for processing input data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, comprising a processor for processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting selected 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the selected 3D

feature points to determine changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error,

wherein the processor is arranged to process respective subsets of images from the sequence sequentially such that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once and wherein the processor is arranged to perform processing so that the number of images in a subset is set in dependence upon the number of features in the images having a position defined in the data to be processed.

Claim 26 (currently amended): An apparatus ~~according to claim 17, for~~ processing input data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, comprising a processor for processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting selected 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset by using the

positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the selected 3D feature points to determine changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error.

wherein the processor is arranged to perform processing so that the respective subsets of images are selected ~~sequentially~~ from the sequence with an overlap and such that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once.

Claim 27 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising an input data generator for processing image data defining the images in the sequence to generate the input data.

Claim 28 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising a 3D computer model data generator for using the further estimates of the camera projections to generate data defining a 3D computer model of the scene in the images.

Claim 29 (original): A storage device storing instructions for causing a programmable processing apparatus to become operable to perform a method as set out in at least one of claims 1 to 16.

Claim 30 (currently amended): A ~~signal conveying~~ computer-readable memory medium storing computer program instructions for ~~causing programming a~~

programmable processing apparatus to become operable to perform a method as set out in ~~at least~~ any one of claims 1 to 16.

Claims 31-33 (cancelled)

Claim 34 (currently amended): An apparatus for processing input data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, comprising processing means for processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence, each subset comprising a plurality of images, by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting selected 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the selected 3D feature points to determine changed positions for at least some of the selected 3D feature points and changed camera projections for the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error,

wherein the processing means is arranged to process respective subsets of images from the sequence sequentially such that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once.

Claims 35-65 (cancelled)

Claim 66 (currently amended): A method of processing data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, the method comprising processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence, each subset comprising a plurality of images, by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed 3D positions for at least some of the 3D feature points that were projected and changed camera projections for at least some of the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the 3D feature points that were projected to determine changed 3D positions for at least some of the 3D feature points that were projected and changed camera projections for at least some of the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error,

wherein the respective subsets of images are selected sequentially from the sequence so that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once.

Claim 67 (currently amended): An apparatus for processing data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, comprising a processor operable to process respective subsets of the images in the sequence, each subset comprising a plurality of images, by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed 3D positions for at least some of the 3D feature points that were projected and changed camera projections for at least some of the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the 3D feature points that were projected to determine changed 3D positions for at least some of the 3D feature points that were projected and changed camera projections for at least some of the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error,

wherein the processor is arranged to process respective subsets of images from the sequence sequentially such that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once.

Claim 68 (currently amended): An apparatus for processing data defining (i) the positions of features in a sequence of images of at least one object which represent features on the object, (ii) an estimate of a respective camera projection for each image defining the projection of points on the object into the image, and (iii) 3D feature points comprising estimates of the positions in three-dimensions of features on the object represented by the features in the images, to generate output data defining further estimates of the camera projections, comprising processing means for processing respective subsets of the images in the sequence, each subset comprising a plurality of images, by:

calculating an error for the camera projections of the images in the subset by projecting 3D feature points into the images in the subset using the camera projections of the images in the subset and determining the distance between the positions of the projected points and the positions of the corresponding features in the images; and

calculating changed 3D positions for at least some of the 3D feature points that were projected and changed camera projections for at least some of the images in the subset by using the positions in the images in the subset of the features which correspond to the 3D feature points that were projected to determine changed 3D positions for at least some of the 3D feature points that were projected and changed camera projections for at least some of the images in the subset which reduce the calculated error,

wherein the processing means is arranged to process respective subsets of images from the sequence sequentially such that each image in the sequence is processed in a subset at least once.

Claim 69 (previously presented): A storage device storing computer program instructions for programming a programmable processing apparatus to become operable to perform a method as set out in claim 66.

Claim 70 (currently amended): A ~~signal-conveying~~ computer-readable memory medium storing computer program instructions for programming a programmable processing apparatus to become operable to perform a method as set out in claim 66.